

Making It To The Promised Land

"Moving Forward... The Exodus" Part 5 of 5
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**On your "moving forward" journey to the promised land,
what will you choose to focus on?**

1) Praying and trusting God in the journey or ____ GRUMBLING AND COMPLAINING THROUGH IT ____.

"So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, 'What are we to drink?' Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it in the water, and the water became sweet." (Exodus 15:24-25, NIV)

"The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin. [They] grumbled against Moses and Aaron. 'If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.'... So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we that you should grumble against us?... You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him.'" (Exodus 16:1-3, 6-8, NIV)

2) Seeking support and help in the journey or ____ REMAINING INDEPENDENT AND SELF-RELIANT ____.

"The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose some of our men and go out and fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.' So Joshua fought the Amalekites.. as long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up— one on one side, one on the other— so that his hands remained steady till Sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword." (Exodus 17:8-13, NIV)

3) Staying obedient to the path of the journey or ____ REBELLING AGAINST THE THINGS YOU DON'T LIKE ____.

"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and have sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' I have seen these people.. and they are stiff-necked people.'" (Exodus 32:7-9, NIV)

"He said to Aaron, 'What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?'.. 'You know how prone these people are to evil. They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' I threw it in the fire, and out came this calf... Then [Moses] said to [the Levites], 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp.. that day about three thousand of the people died.'" (Ex. 32:21-24, 27-28, NIV)

4) Maintaining vision and perseverance in the journey or ____ LOOKING BACK AND GIVING UP ____.

"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Leave this place, you and the people you brought out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I will send an angel before you to drive out the [enemies].. Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey.'" (Exodus 33:1-3a, NIV)

"That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. [They] grumbled against Moses and Aaron. 'If only we had died in Egypt! Or in the desert! Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? .. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?.. We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.' The Lord replied, '..not one of the men who saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times—not one of them will ever see the land I promised..'" (Numbers 14:1-4, 22-23, NIV)

5) Finding the courage to complete the journey or ____ REMAINING IN THE WILDERNESS OF SIN ____.

"After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of nun, Moses' aide: 'Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land.. I promised.'" (Joshua 1:1-3, NIV)

"Be strong and courageous..." (Joshua 1:6, 7, 9, NIV)

"Joshua: 'Get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own.'" (Joshua 1:11, NIV)